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DIR CITE SALV 5312

WH DIV CUBA CUBAN DEFECTOR [redacted]

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REFS A. SALV 5333 (IN 83009) *

B. DIR 53380

1. CIA OFFICER [redacted] AND CUBAN DEFECTOR [redacted], ONCE EACH ALONE AND ONCE TOGETHER SAW DALTON [redacted] MORNING 30 SEPTEMBER. DALTON [redacted] TOOK SAME POSITION AS PARA 2 REF A. DENIED KNOWING CUBAN DEFECTOR [redacted] DESPITE CASE OFFICER RELATIONSHIP, REFUSED DISCUSS ANYTHING ABOUT CUBAN INTEL, AND BEGGED FOR RELEASE AND EXILE TO START LIFE ANEW.

2. OBTAINING TRUTH FROM DALTON [redacted] WILL BE TIME CONSUMING. HE FULLY AWARE PROOFS AGAINST HIM BUT PROBABLY HOPES POLITICAL PRESSURE WILL FORCE RELEASE AND PROBABLY FEARS ADMISSION OF HIS COMPLICITY WILL NOT HELP HIM. SALV GOVT MUST CONVINCE HIM HE WRONG ON BOTH COUNTS. HE OF DUBIOUS VALUE INSOFAR AS CONTRIBUTING NEW INFO ABOUT PAST ACTIVITIES OF CUBAN INTEL OR PCES BUT OF CONSIDERABLE INTEREST AS AGENT IF HE CAN BE TARGETTED AGAINST CUBAN INTEL OR PCES. IF RELEASED WOULD BE DEFINITE OBSTACLE TO FURTHER OPS AGAINST CUBAN DEFECTOR [redacted] TARGETS. IF HE SHOULD BE DOUBLED, HIS IMPRISONMENT WOULD COVER RECRUITMENT AND WOULD TEND TO ENHANCE HIS VALUE. PROBABLY WOULD BE MOST USEFUL OUTSIDE SALV INCLUDING MEXI AND CUBA.

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3. AS MATTERS STAND MOST IMPORTANT TO PROTECT CIA [redacted] EQUITY IN Cuban Target [redacted] OP OF GREAT PROMISE. THIS OP COULD BE AFFECTED ADVERSELY BY SPREAD OF NEWS ABOUT Cuban Defector [redacted] EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF CIA [redacted] TO EFFECT RECRUITMENTS. BECAUSE OF VALUE OF Cuban Target [redacted] PREFER FOR PRESENT NOT TO PROCEED AGAINST OTHERS WHO RECEIVED INTEL TRAINING. AFTER Cuban Target [redacted] IS PRODUCING AND AFTER PRUDENT INTERVAL CIA [redacted] CAN PROCEED WITH RECRUITMENT EFFORTS AGAINST OTHERS [EITHER UNILATERALLY OR WITH LIAISON] 24 DEPENDING ON DEVELOPMENTS.

4. PROCEEDING WITH ARREST OF GUERRILLEROS TRAINED IN CUBA PROBABLY WOULD BE BENEFICIAL AS LONG AS NOT ATTRIBUTED TO Cuban Defector [redacted]. [redacted], SOME OF THOSE DETAINED MIGHT BE DOUBLED AND TARGETTED AGAINST GUERRILLA GROUPS OR PCES.

5. APPRECIATE REF B TO WHICH WILL REPLY AFTER DISCUSSING FURTHER PROSPECTS AND GOVT INTENTIONS WITH Liaison [redacted] [AND POSSIBLY PRESIDENT.] 24

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